

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-24, and 26-27 will remain pending in the current Application upon entering this Amendment. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 13, 16, 23, 26, and 27 have been amended; claims 2, 3, 11, 12, and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter to the current Application. All the amendments herein have been made in order to clarify the claims and not for prior art reasons. Applicants also submit that (1) no amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein, and (2) no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112

Applicants have amended claim 1 to change “said first standby signal” to “said second control signal” to correct a typographical error. Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also patentable under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Rejection of claims 1, 2 and 10-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, and 10-15 are patentable over US Patent No. 6,691,235 (hereinafter referred to as Garcia). With respect to claim 1, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the elements of dependent claim 3 and intervening dependent claim 2, which are not anticipated by Garcia. Having addressed the rejection of claims 1-3 with respect to 35 U.S.C. 112, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable allowable over Garcia.

With respect to claim 10, Applicants have amended claim 10 to include the elements of dependent claim 12 and intervening claim 11. Applicants respectfully submit that Garcia does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 10. For example, Applicants submit that Garcia at least does not teach or suggest a first sleep mode indicator where the first control signal is based on said first sleep mode indicator and said first requested voltage level, and said second

control signal is based on said first sleep mode indicator. The Examiner, in rejection claim 12, indicates that these elements are taught in col. 8, line 54 – col. 9, line 2. However, there is no teaching or suggestion of a sleep mode signal or having the first and second programming inputs 16 (which the Examiner indicates teaches the first and second control signals of claim 1) being based on a sleep mode signal. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that claim 10 is allowable over Garcia. Claims 13-15, which depend from allowable claim 10, are therefore also allowable for at least those reasons provided with respect to claim 10.

With respect to claim 16, the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, therefore, in order to further prosecution, Applicants have rewritten claim 16 in independent form. Claims 17-22 depend from claim 16 and are therefore also allowable.

Rejection of claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner indicates that claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; therefore, in order to further prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 23 to include the elements of claim 25. Claims 24, 26, and 27 depend from claim 23 and are therefore also allowable.

Conclusion

The Office Action contains numerous statements characterizing the claims, the Specification, and the prior art. Regardless of whether such statements are addressed by Applicants, Applicants refuse to subscribe to any of these statements, unless expressly indicated by Applicants.

Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the pending claims. Contact me if there are any issues regarding this communication or the current Application.

If Applicant has overlooked any additional fees, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account 503079, Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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